

DDI 2914-82
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM : Henry S. Rowen
Chairman, National Intelligence Council

SUBJECT : Replacement for Assistant NIO/USSR-EE

1. The forthcoming return of [] (Assistant NIO/USSR-EE) to SOVA dictates that we identify his replacement. I understand that SOVA has not yet identified the particular billet to which they would assign [] and that his transfer is, therefore, not urgent. Consequently, I think we should plan for the change-over sometime this summer (July or August)--a schedule which would allow [] to oversee the completion of the all-important NIE 11-4 and allow both him and [] to carry through their official and private travel plans. Since it would be highly desirable for his replacement to have about a one-week overlap, we should, nevertheless, identify him now and take the necessary steps to affect his reassignment.

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2. You are well aware of the professional qualities needed to function in the NIC. Looking at the changing composure of the NIC and the likely substantive requirements it will have to meet, I believe that [] replacement must meet the two following additional criteria:

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-- He should know the SOVA structure and personnel so as to be able to serve as the primary NIC point of contact to that organization.

-- He should have a solid grounding in Soviet/East European politico-economic matters so that the NIC can satisfactorily fulfill DCI and interagency support requirements.

3. I know that [] has discussed with you (and with no one else in the DDI) the possibility of getting [] to fill [] billet. I believe he would be an excellent choice and request your assistance in securing his assignment. I stand ready to work closely with you to resolve this issue to the mutual benefit of our two organizations.

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